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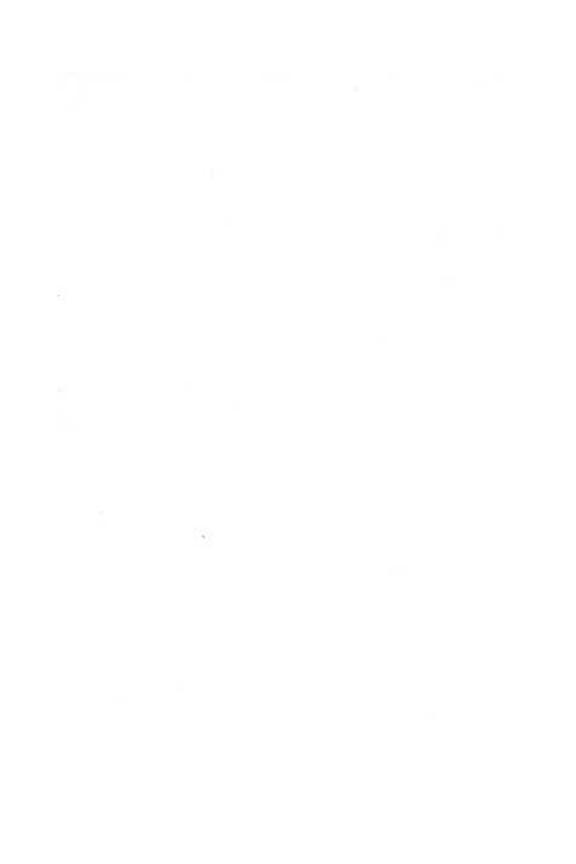
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PREFACE.

A FEW words stand here by way of explanation and acknowledgment.

The biography (in which the quotation of authorities or reference to them would have necessitated a doubling of the allotted space) is founded on Schubert's life of Kant, and on the early memoirs, which have been largely corrected and added to in accordance with more recent information. Special mention on this head is due to Professor Benno Erdmann's essays on Knutzen and the 'Kritik;' to Dr Emil Arnoldt's sketch of Kant's early life; and to several articles in different numbers of the 'Altpreussische Monatsschrift.' For the communication of the last I am indebted to the kindness of Dr Radolf Reicke of Königsberg, whose devotion to Kant is known to all brethren of the craft, and whose promised edition of the philosopher's correspondence will enable the last thirty years of his life to be written with more fulness than heretofore.

The account of Kant's philosophy is founded directly on his own works. Chapter viii. gives glimpses of his scientific theories; chapter ix. notes the more salient points in his metaphysical views up to 1766; chapter